

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Carol (Miller) Johnson was born July 19, 1955, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota, to Mark and Lorraine Miller; and,

Whereas, Carol grew up on a farm near Gayville, South Dakota, with two sisters, Diane and Karla, and a brother, Ron, and attended grade school at Gayville and then graduated from Gayville-Volin High School with the class of 1973; and,

Whereas, Carol has given life and love to two sons, Jack and Aaron, whom she is extremely proud; and,

Whereas, Carol is the owner and operator of the business, "The Threaded Needle" where her artistic and resourceful ability is evident in everything she creates, and this spills over into her home where she has always enjoyed building, decorating, remodeling, and doing whatever she sets her mind on doing; and,

Whereas, On July 24, 2003, Carol was diagnosed with an extremely rare and very aggressive case of cervical melanoma, and bravely consented to extensive surgery with no guarantee of the outcome, but her surgery, reconstruction, and healing process have exceeded all of her doctor's expectations; and,

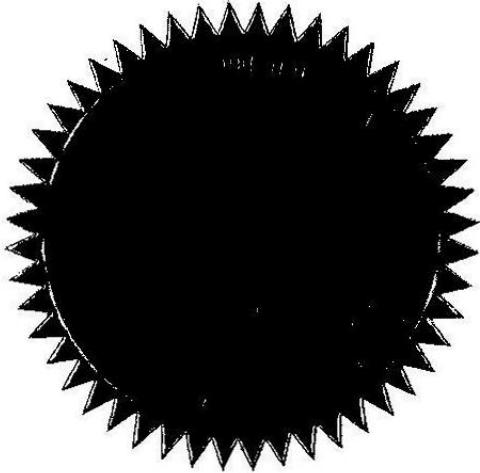
Whereas, Carol now recovers at home with all the faith, strength, courage, strong will, and enormous sense of humor one needs to face such a challenge, and Carol has been an inspiration to her family and friends, who are hosting a benefit on September 20, 2003, at Gayville to offer support and assist with the numerous expenses associated with her illness:

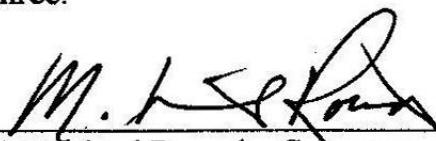
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2003, as

CAROL MILLER JOHNSON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State